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Soccer Rocks are champs – again!

SSC beats Pearl & mud to win two in a row

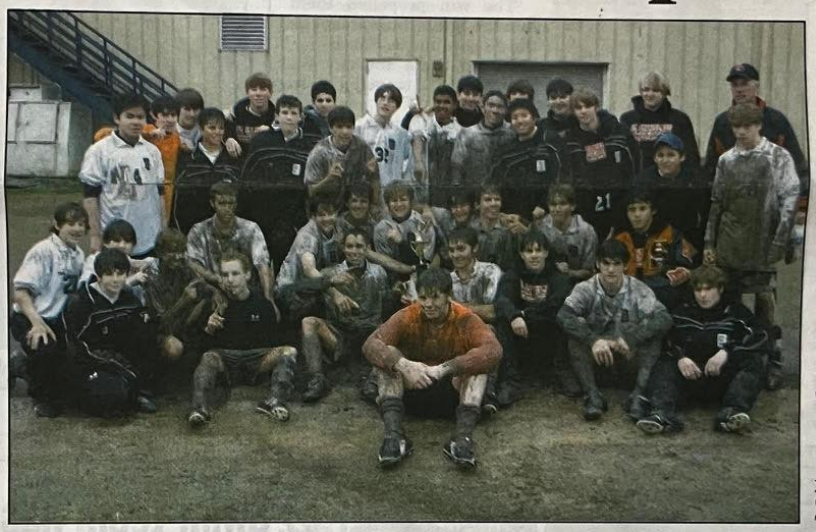
BY BRAD REINHART

The St. Stanislaus Rockachaws soccer team won their second consecutive state championship with a "sloppy" win over the Pearl Pirates.

It wasn't the Rocks' play that was sloppy, however. The soccer field at Pirate Stadium had been soaked with torrential downpours for days leading up to the game. In fact, it resembled a bog more than a field. Despite the rain and mud, SSC was able to defeat Pearl in the title game for the second year in a row.

In the first half, both teams worked to gain footing and establish some type of momentum. SSC had a few good scoring chances, but they didn't capitalize. Even so, the Rocks really set the tempo for the game in the first half. At halftime, the game was still scoreless.

The second half began much as the first half had done. The teams were still struggling as the mud and rain continued to slow things down. Just when it looked like the Rocks had finally broken the scoreless tie, the goal was waved off because of an offside penalty.



Kneeling after the Rockachaw championship soccer game are Adam Hubbard, Will Hadden, Even Cranford, Brit Breland, Connor Smith, Brock Kelly, Devin Caboni-Quinn, Corey Vollenwelder, Kody Cannon, Austin Boudreaux, Sean Olsen, Beau Brodtmann, Heath Hansell, Patrick Donohoe, Josh Lingsch, Austin Ladner, Michael Kivlan, Enrique Martinez, and Brennen Marlowe. Standing are Anthony Pham, John Hadden, Brad Lingsch, Dillon Kenny, Wynne Taylor, Sam Goggins, David Benet, Eric Cranford, Jeffrey Yeager, Marc Belizaire, Carl Seal, Andrew Smith-Parker, Guen Choi, Donnie Renz, Matt Kivlan, Joel Gregory, Matt Milner, Javier Arreozola, Jimmy Headley, and Coach Andy Kivlan.

Finally, 24 minutes into the second half, Andrew Smith-Parker broke free with a chance to score. He was fouled from behind by a Pearl player, which resulted in a penalty kick. On the ensuing kick, Michael Kivlan scored the first goal of the game to give SSC a 1-0 lead.

After SSC's first goal, Pearl had a few, strong offensive attacks against the Rock's goal. The Rockachaw defense, led by senior goalie, Sean Olsen, held strong and stopped each and every Pearl shot.

Later on in the second half, Austin Ladner scored the second goal of the game to ice the victory for St. Stanislaus.

"We could not have asked for a better effort today with the weather and field conditions we faced," said head coach Andy Kivlan. "It is proof of the old saying that offense wins games and defense wins champioSt. Stanislaus finished the season with a 24-3-1 overall record. During the regular season, the Rockachaws outscored their opponents 127-16, including 19 shut-out victories. In the post-season, SSC really stepped it up. They scored 20 goals in the playoffs without ever allowing a single goal.

Computer team wins 3 in a row

BY ROBERT GOGGINS

For the third consecutive year, the St. Stanislaus Computer Programming Team won the first-place championship in the state competition by out-performing the second-place team from Oxford High School, according to Mr. Jim Thriffiley, faculty moderator.

Programming team members were seniors Chris France, Andrew Waterman, and Nick Weinmann and sophomore Brad Reinhart.

For the second consecutive year, Andrew Waterman was awarded First Place medals in Computer Science and in Mathematics.

He also received $16,000 in scholarship offers.

There were 63 schools and 547 students participating in the state competition.

Sports

Season ends with third straight trip to Jackson

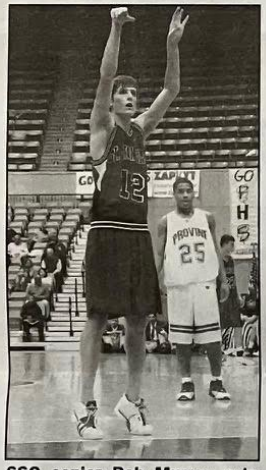
BY BRAD REINHART

The St. Stanislaus Rockachaw basketball team finished off an excellent 2003-2004 season with its third straight trip to the 4A State Tournament in Jackson, Mississippi.

The quest for a state tournament berth began in mid-February during the Division 8-4A Tournament at Bay High. After easily defeating East Central and Bay High, the Rocks faced off against the Gautier Gators for the division title. In a tough game, the Rocks fell to Gautier 61-47 to take 2nd place in the division.

SSC then advanced to the South State Tournament. They cruised through the first two rounds, defeating Wayne County and George County handily. Then the Rocks took on McComb. They lost a heartbreaker, 69-65, which put them one game from elimination.

Facing this possibility, St. Stanislaus met Gautier (again) for a trip to the State Tournament. The game was close in the 1st half, and Gautier led 21-16 at half-time. In the second half, SSC turned up the intensity and took control of the game. Rob Murray scored 15 points, and Darius Acker added 12 as the Rocks rolled over Gautier 46-33.



SSC senior Rob Murray puts up a free throw during the Rocks' State Tournament game vs. Jackson Provine.

The win propelled them into the State Tournament as the #3 seed in the South.

In the State Tourney, St. Stanislaus traveled to Jackson to take on the defending 4A Champions — the Jackson Provine Rams. The Rocks went in as underdogs, but they played their hearts out.

St. Stanislaus was led by Rob Murray who had 16 points and four assists. Darius Acker netted 13 for the 27-9 Rocks.

"I am very proud of our effort," said head coach Jay Ladner about the game. "In fact, we are disappointed that we did not win the ball game."

Congratulations

Austin Boudreaux (#5), Heath Hansell (#3), and Kody Cannon (#25) engulf Austin Ladner after he scored.

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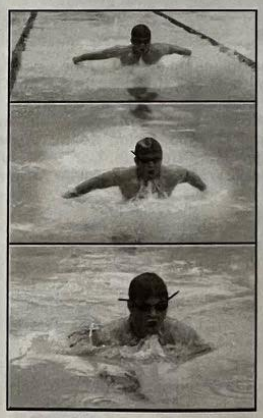

Senior T.J. Koger perfects his butterfly stroke as he swims toward the camera.

Swim team has great season

BY BRAD REINHART

The St. Stanislaus swim team enjoyed one of its best seasons in recent years under the guidance of first-year coach Patrick McGrath.The 2003 season was definitely a successful one for the Rocks. Despite having a very young team, they were still able to defeat most of the schools on the coast. In the regular season, the Rocks scored a perfect 6-0 in dual and triangular meets. They defeated teams such as Hancock, Mercy Cross, Ocean Springs, Gulfport, and D'Iberville.

In the post-season competition, the SSC swimmers continued to do well, grabbing second place in 4-A South State in Biloxi. On Nov. 1, they traveled to Cleveland for the state championship meet. The Rocks were able to tie Oxford High School for second place in the 4-A classification.

The future is really looking bright for the swim team. They will be losing only one state-qualifying senior, T.J. Koger. The rest of the team should still be intact. This includes state qualifiers Allston Lumpkin, John Lumpkin, Even Magers, Sherman Necaise, Matt Proudfoot, Ben Rader, and Christian Walter.

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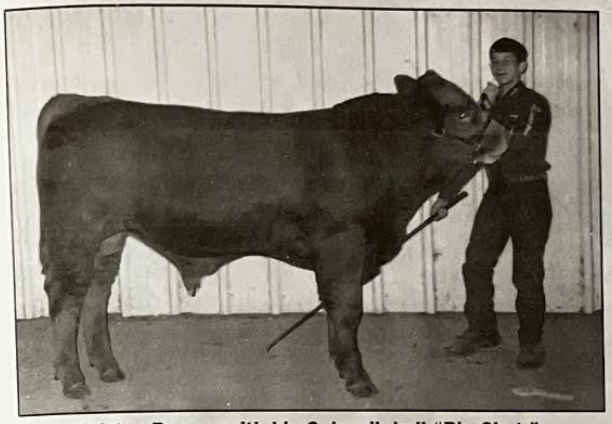

Bristen Breaux with his Geleveih bull "Big Shot."

Breaux & Big Shot are a winning team

BY TYLER GALLAGHER

Well, grab your boots and cowboy hat; we're heading way down south for this one!

We have all heard of dog shows and competitions, but who would have thought of cattle shows? Well one young man here at SSC has had that very idea for several years.

Bristen Breaux, a seventh grade student from Kiln, Mississippi, is only 13 years old. Yet he has become an accomplished cattle showman and trainer.

Breaux was introduced to the popular pastime by his grandfather, and he first started to show cattle at the age of eight. Only one year later at the age of nine, Breaux won the award of Grand Champion, which is one of the top honors in the sport. Though he has accomplished much, he would be nowhere without his "other half," Big Shot. Big Shot is Breaux's Geleiveh Bull, which is nearly a year and a half old and weighs in at 1,162 pounds.

In the past five years, Breaux has competed in over 200 shows all over the state of Mississippi, with regular shows lasting two to three days. In competition, Breaux has been able to make several friendly rivals, all of whom he has beaten at some point or another except for one. For his efforts in competitions, Breaux has been awarded with such prizes as trophies, chairs embellished with the trainer's placement, belt buckles, and money ranging from $50 to $300.

A typical show consists of several rounds to determine the winner of both the showmanship and beef show awards. Showmanship awards the trainer and his ability to set up his bull quickly and correctly., maintaining eye contact with the judge and, answering questions about his bull. The beef show relates to the cattle size, weight, width, height, proportion, and age. Beef shows involve several rounds of profiling and eliminations.

After several elimination rounds, the judge chooses the winner. Breaux has won this title several times. After all that work, Breaux can finally relax, knowing he has done a great job. Big Shot relaxes as well. In fact, he once laid down in the arena after being announced as Grand Champion once again.

Volunteers dedicating a year of service to God

Volunteers Erich Hoffer, J.P. Brunke and Vincent Caspar give a year of service to God.

Three young men are sharing their gifts and talents this year by working as teachers and coaches here at St. Stanislaus as well as at St. Clare Elementary in Waveland and St. Paul Elementary in Pass Christian.

These men are Mr. J. P. Brunke from Sumter, South Carolina; Mr. Vincent Casper from LaGrange, Missouri; and Mr. Erich Hoffer from Prior Lake, Minnesota.

All three are here as a result of their contact with Brother Henry Gaither, SC, who heads the Brothers of the Sacred Heart Volunteer Program here in the South. All are college graduates who have given a year of their lives to serve God, specifically in the field of Catholic education.

Brunke has always been attracted toward education, his mother having been a teacher for over 25 years. He has had seminary experience, and he is in the process of discerning his possible call to the priesthood. A graduate of Conception Seminary College in Missouri, he teaches 6th-grade religion here, helps coach basketball, and teaches P.E. and computers at St. Paul.

Casper's experiences are very similar. He, too, has graduated from Conception Seminary College; and he, too, continues to discern a possible call to the priesthood. He currently teaches an 8th grade religion class here at SSC, as well as teaching P.E. and computers at St. Paul. He also has assisted in coaching the soccer teams here.

Hoffer holds a Political/Pre Law Degree from St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota. He has especially enjoyed teaching his 8th grade history class here at SSC and has assisted in coaching the varsity football, basketball, and baseball teams. He also teaches at St. Clare Elementary School.

All three men live and pray with the Brothers of the Sacred Heart in their two houses here on campus. This has been a new and challenging experience for them as well.

SSC family spends time with the Lord

BY JOHN PRINCE

Five student team leaders and six adult team leaders will direct the school's third Kairos retreat at the Paul B. Johnson State Park in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, March 25-28, 2004, according to Mrs. Adrienne Quinlan, Residency Coordinator.

Kairos (which is Greek for "the Lord's time") is an optional retreat experience for mature sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are recommended to the program by their teachers and peers.

Twenty-two students and adults participated in the second Kairos Retreat this past November 13-16. These are: Lying: Jeffrey Yeager and Marc Belizaire. Squatting/Sitting: Ravi Varma, Edward Allen, Mrs. Cynthia Clark, and Stefan Clayton. Standing: Sam Hall, Mr. Ken France, Craig Maxson, Adam Seitz, Michael Roy, Father Jim Julius, James Burrell, Mike Iskandar, Juan Esquitin, Taka Tomiyama, Mr. Paul Verlander, Will Acosta, Andrew Pretzello, Carter Johnson, Jared Kuehne, and Brother Ronald Talbot.

Capital campaign to improve school

Above is the artist's rendition of the proposed band hall, currently projected to be built on Union St. behind the old gym.

BY ROBERT GOGGINS

Much of St. Stanislaus is being built before our eyes.

In the past few years, we have built a computer lab, a dorm library, new tennis courts, and a fitness center. Unfortunately, in order for the new construction to take place, some old buildings had to go. Among these was the band hall.

Some students question the school's priorities, and it would seem that they have good reason: Our school currently has three gyms, and our band is practicing in rather crowded quarters. However, the school has good reason for its decision, based on input from our entire school community.

Back in November of 1998 — before a shovel hit the ground — a survey was sent to students, parents, faculty, and alumni, asking for input on what new buildings should be built and which should be constructed first. The largest percentage of those polled felt that the fitness center should be first.

Brother Ronald Talbot, SSC President, said that there were six possible locations for the fitness center; and its current location was seen as the best. He also said that when final plans were made, there was a strong possibility that the new band hall would be completed by the end of the 2003-2004 school year.

The band hall is next on the school's agenda. However, the main obstacle is not a lack of desire to build the new band hall; the main obstacle is a lack of money. The school is actively seeking funding for this project. Hopefully, construction on the new band hall can begin next year.

When all the facts are brought into play, it is obvious that the school's administration did the necessary research and prioritized the order of construction in a fair and balanced manner. The school's changes are for the better, and the school's future looks bright.

Students attend class in the room currently being used as the band hall.